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2649 NW 66th ST , Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116

May 10, 2006 10:55 PM

Representative Ernest Istook
U.S. House of Representatives
2404 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Istook:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

Chairman Martin is proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers-- is unfair. I urge Chairman Martin to rethink his flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Please pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know that your constituents have contacted you to oppose a USF numbers or flat-fee plan. Thank you for your continued work. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

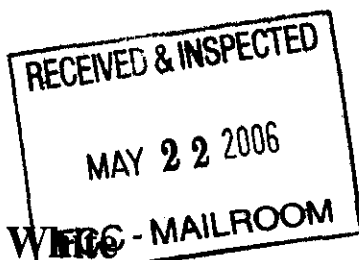
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John Wallis White

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2217 W. Louisville St., Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012-4622

May 15, 2006

FCC Chairman Kevin J Martin
445 12th St SW
Washington DC 20554

Subject: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Martin:

We have recently purchased prepaid cell phones for emergency use for calls between my wife and myself, to call the police or AAA assistance if necessary, and to be contacted in case of an emergency related to one of our seven (soon to be eight) grandchildren. We purchased prepaid phones to limit and control our expenses. I oppose your plan to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

I understand that you are proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." Your flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me—and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users—like big businesses (the fat cats who laid me off)—and placing the weight on low-volume users—students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens, and low-income residential and rural consumers—is unfair. I urge you, Chairman Martin, to rethink your flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Please withdraw your proposal for a flat-fee plan. I would appreciate a response to my letter.

Sincerely,

John Wallis White

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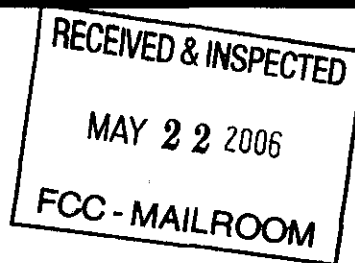
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Paul and Karin Pagel

4 Roberts Road
Enfield, CT 06082-6127



FCC
Chairman Kevin J. Martin
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Martin:

As people who are concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, we oppose your plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

Your proposal to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee" would result in forced phone-bill hikes for us — and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high-volume users — such as big businesses — and placing the weight on low-volume users — students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens (as my wife and I are) and low-income residential and rural consumers — is *unfair*.

We urge you to rethink his flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Paul and Karin Pagel in cursive script.

Paul and Karin Pagel

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May 14, 2006 12:35 PM

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Senator Patrick Leahy
U.S. Senate
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Leahy:

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Senator Jim Jeffords
U.S. Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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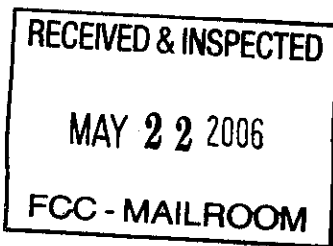
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Representative Bernie Sanders
U.S. House of Representatives
2233 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Michele Desbiens **FCC - MAILROOM**

2444 E. Normandy Drive , Anaheim, California 92806

May 14, 2006 09:01 PM

Representative Ed Royce
U.S. House of Representatives
2202 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Royce:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

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Michele Desbiens

2444 E. Normandy Drive , Anaheim, California 92806

May 14, 2006 09:01 PM

Senator Barbara Boxer
U.S. Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Boxer:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

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2444 E. Normandy Drive , Anaheim, California 92806

May 14, 2006 09:01 PM

Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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¹ Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 00-256, Fifteenth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 98-77 and 98-166, FCC 01-304 (rel. November 8, 2001) (“MAG Order”).

Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company

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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Irene Flannery
V.P. High Cost & Low Income Division
Universal Service Administration Co.
2120 L Street NW Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20037

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support & Long Term Support – ICLS
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company, will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below.

Signed,

Donald G. Whipple, Manager

Donald G. Whipple, Manager

May 15, 2006

Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company
204 Main St. P.O. Box 96
Van Horne, IA 52346-0096

COMPANY NAME STATE STUDY AREA NO.

Van Horne Coop. Telephone Co. Iowa

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Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Irene M. Flannery
Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Access Support - IAS
Annual Certification Filing


This is to certify that CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. will use its INTERSTATE ACCESS SUPPORT - IAS only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below.

IAS

COMPANY NAME	STATE	STUDY AREA CODE
CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.	MS	289009

Signed,

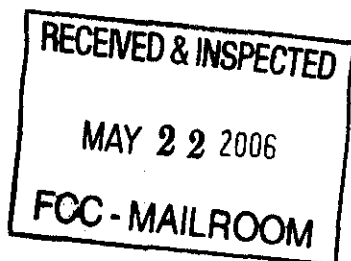

(Signature of Authorized Representative)
James N. C. Moffat, III
(Printed Name of Authorized Representative)

5-15-06
Date

Executive Vice President
(Title of Authorized Representative)

Carrier's Name: CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.
Carrier's Address: 700 S. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Carrier's Telephone Number: 601-353-9118

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**Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS)
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Date: 15-May-06

To: Marlene H. Dortch
Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Karen Majcher
Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support - ICLS
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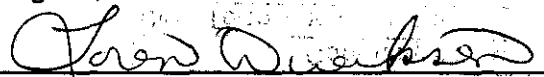
This is to certify that Diller Telephone Company
will use its **INTERSTATE COMMON LINE SUPPORT - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance
and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the
study area(s) listed below. **(Please enter your Company Name, State and Study Area Code)**

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Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Diller Telephone Company	Nebraska	371540

(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box.) ☐

Signed,



[Signature of Authorized Representative]

Date: 15-May-06

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Loren Duerksen

[Printed Name of Authorized Representative]

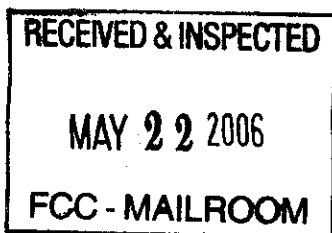
Director of Operations

[Title of Authorized Representative]

Carrier's Name: **Diller Telephone Company**
Carrier's Address: **318 Commercial Street, Box 218, Diller, NE 68342**
Carrier's Telephone Number: **402-793-5330**

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PEMBROKE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

May 15, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445-12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support-ICLS
Annual Certification Filing.

This is to certify that Pembroke Telephone Company, Inc. ("the company") will use it's Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below.

Signed: MaryAnna B. Hite
MaryAnna B. Hite
Secretary-Treasurer

Date: May 15, 2006

Pembroke Telephone Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 10
185 E Bacon Street
Pembroke, GA 31321

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Date 5/16/2006

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Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Karen Majcher
Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support - ICLS
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - MT
will use its **INTERSTATE COMMON LINE SUPPORT - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance
and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the
study area(s) listed below. **(Please enter your Company Name, State and Study Area Code)**

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Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - MT	Montana	482247

(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box.) ☐

Signed,


[Signature of Authorized Representative]

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Roger P. Del Fiocco, CPA
[Printed Name of Authorized Representative]

Cost Study and Regulatory Analyst
[Title of Authorized Representative]

Carrier's Name: **Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - MT**
Carrier's Address: **PO Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263**
Carrier's Telephone Number: **406.783.2200**

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Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
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Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -ND	North Dakota	382247

(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box.) ☐

Signed,


[Signature of Authorized Representative]

Date: 5/16/2006

Roger P. Del Fiacco, CPA
[Printed Name of Authorized Representative]

Cost Study and Regulatory Analyst
[Title of Authorized Representative]

Carrier's Name: **Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. -ND**
Carrier's Address: **PO Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263**
Carrier's Telephone Number: **406.783.2200**

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